## DECLARATION AND RATIFICATION OF LOCAL DISASTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY REGARDING COVID-19 FOR LUBBOCK COUNTY, TEXAS

(3-31-2020)

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has been recognized globally as a contagious respiratory virus; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to spread and to pose an increasing, imminent threat of disaster throughout LUBBOCK COUNTY and beyond; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Honorable Curtis Parrish as County Judge of LUBBOCK COUNTY declared a state of disaster for public health emergency pursuant to § 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code, based upon the need for extraordinary measures to contain COVID-19 and to prevent its spread throughout LUBBOCK COUNTY; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, said state of disaster for a public health emergency was continued and renewed with the consent of the Commissioners Court of LUBBOCK COUNTY pursuant to § 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America, as promulgated by United States President Donald J. Trump and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), continue to call upon Americans to take extraordinary but necessary measures to slow the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. GA-14, which is the most recent executive order promulgated by Texas Governor Greg Abbott, relates to COVID-19 preparedness and mitigation and includes certain mandates necessary to more effectively contain the continuing spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of LUBBOCK COUNTY has determined that additional extraordinary measures must be taken to further contain COVID-19 and prevent its continued spread throughout LUBBOCK COUNTY; and

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF LUBBOCK COUNTY:

- Pursuant to § 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code, a state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared, ratified and renewed for LUBBOCK COUNTY;
- Pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a state
  of disaster for public health emergency shall continue until 11:59 p.m. on April 30,
  2020, unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of LUBBOCK
  COUNTY:

- 3. Pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a state of disaster for public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with Kelly Pinion, as the County Clerk of **LUBBOCK COUNTY**;
- 4. Pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a state of disaster for public health emergency activates the Lubbock County Emergency Management Plan, in addition to implementation of the Lubbock County Continuity of Operations Plan, and
- 5. This declaration of a state of disaster for public health emergency shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

This declaration of a state of disaster for public health emergency supersedes all previous declarations issued by **LUBBOCK COUNTY** on this matter, and shall remain in effect and in full force until 11:59 p.m. on April 30, 2020, subject to being extended, modified, amended, rescinded or superseded under applicable laws.

SO DECLARED AND ORDERED THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

CURTIS PARRISH,

**Lubbock County Judge** 

BILL MCCAY,

Commissioner, Pct. 1

GILBERT A. FLORES,

Commissioner, Pct. 3

JASON CORLEY, Commissioner, Pct. 2

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Commissioner, Pct. 4

ATTEST:

KELLY PINION,

**Lubbock County Clerk** 

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

R. NEAL BURT,

Assistant Criminal District Attorney

and Civil Division Chief